

**APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER FOR A WATER OR SEWER
UTILITY****CHAPTER 117**

H.B. No. 294

AN ACT**relating to appointment of a receiver for a water or sewer utility.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:***SECTION 1.** Section 13.412(a), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) At the request of the utility commission or the commission, the attorney general shall bring suit for the appointment of a receiver to collect the assets and carry on the business of a water or sewer utility that:

- (1) has abandoned operation of its facilities;
- (2) informs the utility commission or the commission that the owner is abandoning the system;
- (3) violates a final order of the utility commission or the commission; ~~or~~
- (4) allows any property owned or controlled by it to be used in violation of a final order of the utility commission or the commission; *or*
- (5) *violates a final judgment issued by a district court in a suit brought by the attorney general under:*
 - (A) *this chapter;*
 - (B) *Chapter 7; or*
 - (C) *Chapter 341, Health and Safety Code.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 26, 2017: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 12, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 26, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

USE OF THE RURAL WATER ASSISTANCE FUND**CHAPTER 118**

H.B. No. 544

AN ACT**relating to the use of the rural water assistance fund.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:***SECTION 1.** Section 15.994(c), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The board may use money in the fund to contract for outreach, financial, *planning*, and technical assistance to assist rural political subdivisions in obtaining and using financing from *any source for a purpose described by this section* ~~(the fund)~~.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 5, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 12, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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